

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19 (canceled).

20 (currently amended). A bearing element ~~comprising~~ consisting of a base layer made from an aluminium alloy, a protective shell and a running layer made from an alloy with a base of lead, tin, bismuth, indium or copper, the base layer being disposed ~~between a~~ directly on the protective shell and ~~a~~ the running layer being directly disposed on the base layer, wherein the aluminium alloy is an aluminium wrought alloy consisting of an aluminium matrix incorporating up to 4.5%, by weight, of a soft phase consisting of at least one element of a first group of elements consisting of tin, antimony, indium and bismuth; hard particles consisting of up to 0.8%, by weight, of scandium and/or zirconium, up to 8.5%, by weight, of at least one element of a second group of elements consisting of copper, manganese, cobalt, chromium, zinc, magnesium, silicon and iron, and inter-metallic phases of scandium and/or zirconium with aluminium or aluminium with elements of the second group of elements; and the rest comprised of aluminium with the usual impurities contained in the melt.

21 (canceled).

22 (canceled).

23 (previously presented). The bearing element of claim 20, wherein up to 3.5%, by weight, of at least one of the elements of the second group of elements is present.

24 (previously presented). The bearing element of claim 20, wherein the aluminium matrix incorporates at least 0.1%, by weight, of the soft phase.

25 (previously presented). The bearing element of claim 20, wherein the aluminium matrix incorporates at least 0.1%, by weight, of the second group of elements.

26 (previously presented). The bearing element of claim 20, wherein the aluminium matrix incorporates at least 0.05%, by weight, of scandium and/or zirconium.

27 (previously presented). The bearing element of claim 20, wherein the aluminium matrix incorporates from 0.01% to 0.5%, by weight, of zirconium.

28 (previously presented). The bearing element of claim

27, wherein the aluminium matrix incorporates from 0.05% to 0.5%, by weight, of scandium.

29-39 (canceled).